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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the notice for the question was received on the 16th November and we took action on the 17th. We have to make a proper enquiry as in these days even ordinary deaths are reported as starvation deaths."

Panchayat Board for Korom amsam, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 421 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum signed by 830 villagers of Korom amsam, Payyanur, North Malabar, requesting the Government for a separate panchayat board in Korom amsam ; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The Government considered that the exclusion of the Korom revenue village from the present Payyanur Panchayat (Malabar) and the formation of a separate panchayat for the excluded area would bring into existence an uneconomic unit and that the Korom village would continue to get the benefit of larger amenities as hitherto by remaining within the panchayat than by getting out of it. The request of the villagers for the formation of a separate panchayat for the Korom village was therefore negatived."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that hitherto the people of Korom Amsam did not get any benefit from the Payyanur Panchayat Board and that they repeatedly requested the redressal of their grievances? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the President of the Payyanur Panchayat Board comes from Korom Amsam and I think some wooden bridges and a road are being laid."

Fruit canning factory, Kodur.

* 422 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Fruit Canning Factory at Kodur was sanctioned ;

(*b*) the causes for its not working till now ;

(*c*) when the canning work will start on a commercial scale ;

(*d*) the causes for not constructing the building and not equipping so far the attached Fruit Products Research Laboratory ; and

(*e*) how long it will take to construct the building and to equip the Laboratory fully?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The Fruit Canning Factory at Kodur was sanctioned in September 1942.